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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LOS ANGELES DUAL DESIGNATION

1. PRESIDENT CARTER TODAY SENT THE FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM TO
SECRETARY VANCE. BRITISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS BEEN
INFORMED OF SUBSTANCE. SUGGESTED LANGUAGE FOR FORMAL
DESIGNATIONS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

-- "IN A SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION IN THE TRANSATLANTIC ROUTE
PROCEEDING (DOCKET 25908), THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HAS
RECOMMENDED THAT LOS ANGELES BE SELECTED AS THE SECOND
U.S. CITY FOR SERVICE BY TWO U.S. AIRLINES TO LONDON
UNDER THE BERMUDA II AGREEMENT. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE
WRITTEN TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN URGING THAT HE AGREE
TO HAVE TWO U.S. AIRLINES SERVE LONDON FROM BOTH BOSTON
AND LOS ANGELES, RATHER THAN FROM ONLY ONE OF THESE CITIES.

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I AM HOPEFUL THAT THE U.K. WILL ACCEPT MY PROPOSAL SO THAT
BOTH CITIES MAY HAVE THE COMPETITIVE U.S. AIRLINE SERVICE
THEY BOTH DESERVE.

-- " I AM CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT A PROLONGED CONTINUATION
OF THE STATUS QUO WILL DEPRIVE LOS ANGELES AND ITS CITIZENS
OF THE BENEFITS OF AIRLINE SERVICE TO LONDON BY TWO U.S.

CARRIERS. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THAT YOU DESIGNATE PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRWAYS AND TRANS WORLD AIRLINES TO OPERATE THE LOS ANGELES-LONDON ROUTE EFFECTIVE JUNE 15. ADDITIONALLY, I REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SEEK BRITISH ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTINUING OPERATION OF BOTH THESE AIRLINES ON THE BOSTON-LONDON ROUTE FOR THE PERIOD NECESSARY FOR A SETTLEMENT OF MY PROPOSAL THAT THREE U.S. CITIES BE ACCEPTED FOR DUAL DESIGNATION. THIS WOULD AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY INTERRUPTION OF BOSTON SERVICE WHILE THE MATTER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

-- "AS MODIFIED ABOVE, I ACCEPT THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION. JIMMY CARTER."

2. TO AVOID ANY MISUNDERSTANDING, EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM UK AUTHORITIES THAT THIS MEMORANDUM WAS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT BEFORE HE HAD BEEN ADVISED OF PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO MAY 16 CARTER LETTER. VANCE

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